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SUBJECT: SOVIET PRESSURE ON GOP TO BROADEN MARITIME/AIR PRESENCE
IN PHILIPPINES

1. ON MORNING AUGUST 7, I ACCOMPANIED ADMIRAL GAYLER
DURING LATTER'S FAREWELL CALL ON PRESIDENT MARCOS. DURING
DISCUSSION OF GROWING SOVIET MARITIME PRESENCE, MARCOS
INFORMED US THAT HE HAD COME UNDER "INSISTENT" PRESSURE
FROM SOVIETS, INCLUDING PODGORNY, TO ACCEPT AN
ARRANGEMENT FOR BASING SOVIET FISHING VESSELS IN
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PHILIPPINE PORTS AND PERMITTING AEROFLOT COMMERCIAL

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2. GAYLER EXPLAINED THAT SIMILAR PROPOSALS HAD BEEN MADE BY SOVIETS IN SOUTH PACIFIC COUNTRIES. HE SAID IT WAS HIS ASSUMPTION THAT FISHING FLEET - AEROFLOT COMBINATION WOULD PERMIT FLEET TO BE MORE OR LESS PERMANENTLY DEPLOYED IN AREA, WITH CREWS ROTATED THROUGH AIRLINE OPERATIONS.

3. MARCOS SAID PHIL GOVERNMENT WAS "STUDYING" THE PROPOSALS BUT SHOWED NO ENTHUSIASM TO ACCEPT THEM. HE APPEARED AWARE OF POTENTIAL SECURITY SIGNIFICANCE OF SOVIET MOVES.
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